

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether human trafficking is on the rise in the country including Karnataka in spite of stringent legislations in force;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases registered and the number of persons punished during the last three years and as on date, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to curb such menace and to rehabilitate the victims of human trafficking?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): As per the statistics compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, the number of cases registered and persons convicted under the Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act, 1956, during the three years 2004, 2005 & 2006 State-wise may be seen in the statement at Annexure.

(c): The Ministry of Women and Child Development runs Swadhar Shelter Homes which provide shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, counseling, rehabilitation and other facilities to trafficked victims.
The various steps being taken by the Government to combat trafficking are:-.

(i) A Central Advisory Committee (CAC) on implementation of IT(P) Act is functioning at Central level in the Ministry of Women & Child Development, which is represented by States as well as Central Organizations and NGOs etc. The CAC holds quarterly meetings. Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act is in the process of being amended to make it more stringent against traffickers.

(ii) The Ministry of Home Affairs has set up a Nodal Cell to coordinate, matters relating to trafficking in human beings between the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and other related Ministries etc. and organize co-ordination meetings to review and sensitize Police Officers of the States/Union Territories on the subject.

(iii) The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has prepared a training manual on "Human Trafficking Handbook for Investigators" for use in the Police Training Institutes.

(iv) BPR&D is organizing regional anti-trafficking workshops for sensitizing police personnel towards the safety and security of women. Several workshops have been held in various cities till date.

(v) The Ministry of Women & Child Development is also implementing a pilot project to combat trafficking of women and children.